

In the claims:

1-11. Cancelled.

12. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a display device that displays a view region comprising at least two trading quadrants, in which each quadrant displays a plurality of non-benchmark issues related to a benchmark instrument;

in which the view region comprises:

a first quadrant that displays a plurality of non-benchmark issues related to representing a first benchmark instrument and a second quadrant representing a second benchmark instrument;

a keyboard comprising:

(1) a first plurality of keys, in which one of the first plurality of keys corresponds to the benchmark instrument; and

(2) a second plurality of keys, in which each of the second plurality of keys is mapped to a function that corresponds to the benchmark instrument;

a storage device having a program stored therein; and

a processor coupled to the storage device, to the display device and to the keyboard, in which the program, when executed by the processor, directs the processor to perform the following actions:

in response to one of the first plurality of keys being pressed, directing the display device to select the at least first quadrant and map each of the second plurality of keys to execute a first function that corresponds to the first benchmark instrument; and

in response to a different one of the first plurality of key being pressed, directing the display device to select the second quadrant and re-map each of the second plurality of keys to execute a second function that corresponds to the first

- benchmark instrument, in which the second function differs from the first function.
13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor is a first processor, the system further comprising:
- a second processor configured to execute the first function in response to receiving an indication that one of the second plurality of keys has been pressed.
14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, in which the first function comprises:
- placing an order on a non-benchmark issue that corresponds to the first benchmark instrument.
15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, the first processor being further configured to direct the display device to display information relating to an executed trade in the first quadrant in real-time.
16. (Original) The system of claim 14 further comprising a back office clearing center coupled to the second processor for causing the executed trade to be cleared and for verifying that the executed trade is cleared.
17. Cancelled.
18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, further comprising:
- a toggle key that changes a type of view of the view region.
19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, in which the type of view comprises at least one of:
- a benchmark view; and
- a specific view.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, in which the first benchmark instrument is of a first type and the second benchmark instrument is of a second type that is different from the first type.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, in which the first type is a U.S. bond and the second type is an European currency.

22 (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, the at least two trading quadrants are spatially aligned in the view region to correspond to a spatial alignment, on the keyboard, of the first plurality of keys.

23-29. Cancelled.

30. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a display device that displays a view region comprising at least two quadrants,

in which each quadrant displays a plurality of non-benchmark issues related to a benchmark instrument;

in which the view region comprises a first quadrant representing a first benchmark instrument and a second quadrant representing a second benchmark instrument;

a keyboard comprising:

a first plurality of keys, in which each of the first plurality of keys corresponds to a benchmark instrument; and

a second plurality of keys, in which each of the second plurality of keys is mapped to a function that corresponds to the benchmark instrument; and

a toggle key that changes a type of view of the view region;

a storage device having a program stored therein; and

a processor coupled to the storage device, to the display device and to the keyboard, in which the program, when executed by the processor, directs the processor to perform the following actions:

in response to one of the first plurality of keys being pressed, directing the display device to select the first quadrant and map each of the second plurality of keys to execute a first function that corresponds to the first benchmark instrument;

in response to a different one of the first plurality of key being pressed, directing the display device to select the second quadrant and re-map each of the second plurality of keys to execute a second function that corresponds to the first benchmark instrument, in which the second function differs from the first function.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, in which the processor is a first processor, the system further comprising:

a second processor that is configured to execute the first function in response to receiving an indication that one of the second plurality of keys has been pressed.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, in which the first function comprises:

placing an order on a non-benchmark issue that corresponds to the first benchmark instrument.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, the first processor being further configured to direct the display device to display information relating to an executed trade in the first quadrant in real-time.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32 further comprising a back office clearing center coupled to the second processor for causing the executed trade to be cleared and for verifying that the executed trade is cleared.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, in which the type of view comprises at least one of:

a benchmark view; and
a specific view.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, in which the first benchmark instrument is of a first type and the second benchmark instrument is of a second type that is different from the first type.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 36, in which the first type is a U.S. bond and the second type is an European currency.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, in which the at least two quadrants are spatially aligned in the view region to correspond to a spatial alignment, on the keyboard, of the first plurality of keys.